

CLERGY, IRELAND.

RETURN to an Order of the Honourable The House of Commons,
dated 29 July 1835 :—for,

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and Parochial Clergy of *Ireland*, before the Church Temporalities Act, under
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Quære 1. What is the whole Income of the Church?—*Answer.* The whole Income of the Church, belonging to Corporations, sole and aggregate, is as follows:

I. CORPORATIONS SOLE

	GROSS INCOME.			NET INCOME.		
	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.
1. The Annual Revenue of the continuing and suppressed Sees, appears by the Report (see pages 42, 43,) of the Ecclesiastical Revenue Commissioners, to amount to - - - -	151,127	12	4	128,808	8	3
N.B. The principal sources of this Revenue arise from rents reserved by lease and annual renewal fines: but the true and real amount of Episcopal Revenue is greater than is above stated, as it appears by the Commissioners' Report that there were 213 tenants under the Sees, holding for terms of 21 years, are not included in the average amount of yearly revenue for the three years ending December 1831, these tenants not having renewed within the period: neither are the casual dues, though of small amount, payable by 300 tenants, holding for terms of 40 years, included, for the same reason; but it is observed by the respective Dioceses, that if all their tenants were to renew annually, the amount of Episcopal Revenue would be increased by the annual sum of 5,500 l.						
2. The income arising from Glebe lands amounts annually to - - - -	92,000	-	-	81,572	-	-
				deducting the gross amount of reserved rents 5,428 l., & the expenses of collection, at the rate of 5 l. per cent.		
3. The income arising from Ministers' money, fees, &c. in 28 City Churches - - - - -	10,300	-	-	9,270	-	-
				after deducting 10 l. per cent. for expenses of collection and losses.		
4. The income arising from Ecclesiastical Tithe Compositions, £. - - - - - s. - - - - - d. - - - - -	555,000	-	-			
Deduct amount of compositions belonging to Archbishops, Bishops and Corporations aggregate, held either in their own hands, or let to tenants at reserved rents, and taken credit for in the amounts of their respective revenues - - - - -						
			23,218			
	531,782	-	-	505,192	18	-
				after deducting 5 l. per cent. for expenses of collection.		
5. The income arising to Dignitaries and Prebendaries, as such, from rents of houses and lands reserved by lease, annual renewal fines, and interest on Government stocks, exclusive of tithe composition rents - - - - -	17,500	-	-	7,125	-	-
				after deducting 5 l. per cent. for expenses of collection.		
TOTAL REVENUE of Ecclesiastical Sole Corporations - - - £.	792,700	12	4	732,308	6	3
II. CORPORATIONS AGGREGATE.						
1. The income belonging to Dean and Chapters, and divisible amongst the members thereof, as a common estate, (see 2d Report of Ecclesiastical Revenue Commissioners, page 128, col. vii. x.) amounts to - - - - -	1,042	11	5	928	-	3

* The difference between this sum and that of 49,500 l., (the gross value of tithe compositions belonging to these corporations,) is at present enjoyed by their tenants, under existing leases.

† This does not include any portion of the income arising from the deanery of Christ-church, Dublin, or the prebends annexed to the Episcopal Dignity; inasmuch as these are included in the amounts of Episcopal Revenue.

II. CORPORATIONS AGGREGATE—continued.

2. The income arising from the Economy Estates belonging to 16 Deans and Chapters, (see 2d Report of Revenue Commissioners, as aforesaid, page 126, col. iv.) amounts annually to - - -

N.B. This income is appropriated to the repair of 16 cathedral churches, and the maintenance of the officers and servants of those cathedrals; but it is to be observed, that the foregoing is not the true and real amount of income arising from these estates, as it appears by the Commissioners' Report that there were 72 out of 83 tenants holding for terms of 21 years, the amount of whose annual fines are not included, inasmuch as these 72 tenants did not renew within the three years ending Dec. 1831, and the average amount of their annual fines is therefore not included in the amount of the yearly income arising from these estates, as above stated.

3. The income arising from the estates of Minor Canons, Vicars Choral, &c., (see Report aforesaid, page 156, col. xi.) amounts annually to - - - - -

N.B. This income is appropriated to the sustentation of five canons, 50 vicars choral, and 15 chorists and choristers, in 13 cathedral churches; the same observations as the preceding, with respect to the real amount of yearly revenue, apply equally, but not to the same extent, to these corporations; as out of 56 tenants holding for terms of 21 years under them, the annual renewal fines of many are not included in the average amount of yearly revenue for the three years, ending Dec. 1831, for the reason above-mentioned.

TOTAL - - £. 815,813 17 9 753,848 18 10

Quere 2. What is left for the Archbishops and Bishops by the Church Temporalities Bill?—Answer:

ARCHBISHOPS.

	GROSS INCOMES.	NET INCOMES.
1. Armagh, with Clogher See annexed - - - -	£. s. d. 13,169 16 7 after payment of 4,500 <i>l.</i> to Commissioners under the Act.	£. s. d. 9,664 - 3 after payment of 4,500 <i>l.</i> as aforesaid.
2. Dublin, with Kildare See annexed - - - -	9,320 12 9	7,796 18 -
£.	22,490 9 4	17,460 18 3

BISHOPS.

1. Meath - - - - -	5,220 10 6	4,068 10 7
2. Down, Connor and Dromore - - - - -	5,206 - 1	4,204 17 5
3. Derry and Raphoe - - - - -	8,033 3 9	5,599 3 6
	after payment of 6,180 <i>l.</i> to Commissioners, under the Act.	after payment of 6,180 <i>l.</i> to Commissioners, as aforesaid.
4. Kilmore, Ardagh and Elphin - - - - -	7,477 17 -	5,225 9 8
5. Fermis, Leighlin and Ossory - - - - -	6,550 2 10	5,730 15 5
6. Cashel and Emly, cum Waterford and Lismore - - - -	7,354 2 -	6,308 5 2
7. Limerick, Ardfert and Aghaloe - - - - -	5,328 13 5	4,973 9 1
8. Cork, Ross and Cloyne - - - - -	5,008 18 10	4,691 7 10
9. Kildare and Kilmora, cum Clonsilla and Kilmacdonagh -	4,532 9 1	3,966 9 11
10. Tuam, Killybeg and Achonry - - - - -	5,020 1 3	4,618 17 8
£.	62,461 18 9	49,567 6 4

N.B. In the continuing Sees, as above stated, there are 89 tenants holding for terms of 21 years, and 133 tenants holding for terms of 40 years; whose annual renewal fines ought to be, but are not, included in the average gross and net amounts of yearly income made to the Commissioners for the three years ending December 1831.

Quere 3. What is left by the Church Temporalities Bill, and the Bill of last year, for Deans, Prebendaries, &c.?

IN the case of any dean, dignitary or prebendary who has cure of souls annexed to his dignity or prebend, the income belonging to such cure is left whole and untouched by the provisions of these Bills; but if there be any rectory, vicarage, tithes or glebes, or part or parts thereof, annexed thereto, it is competent for the Lord Lieutenant and Council, on the next avoidance, under the 124th provision of the former Bill, to disunite them from and out of such dignity or prebend; and to unite such rectory, vicarage, tithes and glebes, or part or parts thereof, to the vicarages or perpetual or other curacies of such parishes respectively; so that each such rectory, vicarage, tithes and glebes, or part or parts thereof, shall, with its respective vicarage, perpetual or other curacy, form a distinct parish or benefice.

And under the Bill of last year, the further powers given to the Lord Lieutenant and Council enable them, on the recommendation of the Ecclesiastical Commissioners, to suspend, on the next avoidance, the appointment of clerks to dignities and prebends not having cure of souls, and to vest the emoluments thereof in the Commissioners, to be by them applied to the purposes to which their general fund is made applicable;

applicable; or, in case there shall not be any vicar or curate in any parish, the tithes or glebes whereof may be appropriated to any dignity or prebend, it empowers them to disappropriate said tithes or glebes, or part or parts thereof, and to unite them to any neighbouring rectory, vicarage or perpetual curacy, or to erect them into a separate benefice and parish, provided divine service shall be constantly and duly celebrated therein.

Answer.—Such being the provisions of the two Bills, it is to be observed, in reply to this query, that the Ecclesiastical Revenue Commissioners only required the dignitaries and prebendaries to return the amount of their revenues, exclusive of the amount of any benefices with cure of souls, forming the corps of their respective dignities and prebends: it would therefore be extremely difficult to ascertain what is the value of the benefices with cure forming the corps of these dignities and prebends, which will be the provision left by the Church Temporalities Bill and the Bill of last year for deans, prebendaries, &c. in case the tithes and glebes without cure shall be disappropriated therefrom.

The Commissioners have, however, inquired into and ascertained the amount of revenue of sinecure dignities and prebends; as also, of tithes without cure appropriated to other dignities and prebends; which appears to be as follows:—(see 2d Report of Commissioners, p. 291):

	£.	s.	d.
The gross amount of Sinecure Dignities, as also of tithes without cure, &c. annexed to other dignities, is	31,329	17	6
From which deduct the deanery of Christchurch, annexed to the episcopal dignity	5,314	5	11
The gross revenue of Sinecure Prebends, as also of tithes without cure, annexed to other prebends, is	25,015	11	7
From which deduct three prebends, annexed to episcopal dignities	8,993	6	7
	527	6	2
	8,466	—	5
Out of 139 dignities, there are 45 without any cure of souls, the revenues of which amount to the gross sum of	13,038	15	8
And out of 178 prebends, there are 55 without any cure of souls, the revenues of which amount to	6,400	3	6
GROSS REVENUE of Sinecure Dignities and Prebends	19,438	18	2
Leaving a revenue arising from tithes and glebes without cure, annexed to other dignities and prebends with cure, of	15,042	13	10

Query 4. What will remain after the Bill of the present Session comes into full effect, for the Parochial Clergy; and what for Buildings and Parish Clerks?—

<i>Answer:</i>	GROSS INCOME.	NET INCOME.
£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.
The amount of ecclesiastical tithe compositions being	555,000	—
Deduct amount of compositions belonging to archbishops, bishops and corporations aggregate, held either in their own hands or in those of their lessees	43,500	—
Amount of compositions for the parochial clergy, &c.	511,500	—
Deduct 30 <i>l.</i> per cent. remitted to landlords	153,450	—
Amount of rent-charges remaining, equal to seven-tenths of existing compositions	358,050	—
Deductions therefrom:		349,098 15 — after deducting for expenses of collection 2½ per cent.
Deduct amount of compositions (remitted 30 <i>l.</i> per cent.) of the 723 parishes, in royal or ecclesiastical patronage, in which there are none, or less than 50 Protestants	67,500	5 11
Deduct amount of compositions (remitted 30 <i>l.</i> per cent.) of the 144 parishes, as aforesaid, in lay patronage	14,827	1 7
	82,327	7 6
Additions thereto:	275,722	12 6
Add, for the cure of 155 parishes without any Protestants, in royal, ecclesiastical or lay patronage, at 5 <i>l.</i> per parish	775	—
Add, for the cure of 477 parishes in royal or ecclesiastical patronage, and of 103 in lay patronage, in which parishes there are less than 50 protestants without churches or glebe houses, at 25 <i>l.</i> per parish	11,475	—
Add, for the cure of 124 parishes in royal or ecclesiastical Patronage, and of 37 in lay patronage, in which there are less than 50 Protestants having churches or glebe houses, at 100 <i>l.</i> per parish	15,100	—
TOTAL added for Cure of the aforesaid Parishes	28,350	—
Amount of Rent-charges payable on behalf of the Parochial Clergy	304,372	12 6
		296,121 7 6

	GROSS INCOME.			NET INCOME.		
	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.
2. Amount of revenue arising annually from Parochial Glebe Lands - - - - -	92,000	-	-	81,972	-	-
				after deducting the reserved rents, amounting to the gross sum of 5,428 <i>l.</i> , and expenses of collection, at 5 <i>l.</i> per cent.		
3. Amount of revenue arising annually from Ministers' money and fees in 28 City Benefices - - - - -	10,300	-	-	9,270	-	-
				after deducting 10 <i>l.</i> per cent. for expenses of collection.		
<i>N.B.</i> In addition to the foregoing amounts of revenue, the present incumbents will be entitled to receive, during existing incumbencies, from and out of the Perpetuity Purchase Fund, an accession to their incomes of 5 <i>l.</i> per cent., estimated to amount to	408,372	12	6*	386,363	7	6
	28,000	-	-	28,000	-	-
	£. 434,372	12	6	414,363	7	6

And, with reference to the provision which will remain for Buildings and Parish Clerks, as referred to in the latter part of the foregoing query, it is to be observed that these expenses will be defrayed from and out of the general fund of the Ecclesiastical Commissioners; the amount of which at present (taking into account recent donors) may be calculated at 35,000*l.* per annum; but which, when the Church Temporalities Acts and the present Bill come into full operation and effect, may be stated as follows:

	£.	s.	d.
1. From the suppressed Sees - - - - -	50,780	3	3
2. From tax on Clerical Incomes - - - - -	20,000	-	-
<i>N.B.</i> Under the existing provisions of the present Bill the Commissioners will be entitled to deduct the amount of tax which would have been payable if the benefice had not been sequestered or reduced in income.			
3. From annual payment to be made by future Primates - - - - -	4,500	-	-
4. - Ditto - - ditto - - by future Bishops of Derry - - - - -	6,160	-	-
5. From the Tithes and Glebes of Sincere Dignities and Prebends, &c.; or from tithes without cure, of other Dignities and Prebends, &c. - - - - -	32,000	-	-
<i>N.B.</i> Taking into account the extension of the provisions of the Act of last session by the present Bill.			
6. From interest of monies to arise from the sale of Perpetuities, from and after the payment of 5 <i>l.</i> per cent. to existing incumbents, supposing that, under the additional indentments held out by this Bill for the next two years, the produce of 1,200,000 <i>l.</i> (estimated to arise from the sales thereof) be eventually realized; subject, however, to the re-payment of any monies advanced to the Commissioners <i>ad interim</i> - - - - -	42,000	-	-
	£. 145,440	3	3

N.B. For the next 15 years the Commissioners are entitled to receive the annual sum of 7,500*l.*, being the amount of annual instalments repayable on account of loans made for building glebe houses.

* Were the present Bill in operation, the rent-charges (remitted 20 *l.* per cent.) which will ensue to dignities and prebends, some of which are sincere, will amount to 16,835*l.* In the case of sincere dignities and prebends, the revenues thereof are transferable to the general fund of the Ecclesiastical Commissioners; and in the case of all other dignities and prebends, the tithes and glebes, without cure, may be appropriated therefrom, and united to the vicarages or perpetual cures existing within the appropriate or neighbouring parishes, if these be insufficiently endowed; but if the endowment for such vicars and curates be deemed sufficient, then, and in such cases, these disappropriated tithes may, under the present Bill, be also transferred to the general fund of the Commissioners; which provision, if carried into effect, will, it is conceived, suffice to supply any deficiency that may arise in such general fund, by the transfer of the revenues of benefices, suspended under the 116th section of the Church Temporalities Act, to the purposes of the Reserve Fund.

† The average annual charge required for the repairs of churches, the payment of parish clerks' salaries and other expenses heretofore defrayed by vestry coas, with the expenses of the board, is estimated by the Commissioners to amount to 6*l.* 12*s.* 6*d.* (see No. 160 of Sessional Papers, 1835, printed by order of the House), exclusive of the augmentation of small livings and the building of churches and glebe houses, to be provided out of any surplus funds in the hands of the Commissioners.

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